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FORTHCOMING ICAO ASSEMBLY, MONTREAL, SEPTEMBER 24 OCTOBER
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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH ROGERS, UNDER SECRE-
TARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE (DT). ROGERS SAID HE IS
SYMPATHETIC TOWARD IDEA OF US PARTICIPATION IN ECAC
DIRECTORS GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ICAO ASSEMBLY ISSUES AND
CAN RECOGNIZE VALUE OF US EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH ECAC IN
WHAT MIGHT BE REGARDED AS LOW VISIBILITY SESSION. HOW-
EVER, ROGERS SAID WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR UK TO PROPOSE
US PARTICIPATION BOTH BECAUSE OF NATURE OF ECAC DG'S
MEETINGS WHICH ARE HIGHLY-INFORMAL, UNSTRUCTURED SESSIONS
WITHOUT FIXED AGENDA AND BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SENSITIVITY
OF SOME OTHER ECAC MEMBERS TO US ATTENDANCE. ROGERS
SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST TO HUBBACK, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DT
(UK REP TO ECAC DG MEETING) THAT HE TAKE A READING ON
ATTITUDES OF OTHERS AT ECAC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 7 AND, IF HE CONSIDERS ATMOSPHERE PROPITIOUS, THAT
HE PROPOSE US PARTICIPATION AT AN ICAO ISSUES SESSION OF
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DG'S MEETING. IF IT APPEARS TO HUBBACK THAT OTHERS MAY

NOT GO ALONG, HE WILL NOT MAKE PROPOSAL BECAUSE UK CONSIDERS IT MORE IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE FOR UK TO CONCENTRATE ON GETTING ECAC TO FOCUS ON PROBLEMS BOTH US AND UK ANTICIPATE MAY ARISE AT ICAO ASSEMBLY RATHER THAN RISK THAT OBJECTIVE FOR SAKE OF US PARTICIPATION AT ECAC MEETING. ROGERS SAID HE WOULD LET US KNOW RESULTS OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

2. AS ALTERNATIVE TO US DEL PARTICIPATION AT ECAC DG MEETING, ROGERS SUGGESTED WE MIGHT CONSIDER FULLY BRIEFING EMBASSY HELSINKI ON ICAO ISSUES IN THE EVENT HUBBACK ABLE TO PERSUADE HIS COUNTERPARTS AT DG MEETING TO CALL IN, AT SHORT NOTICE, EMBASSY REP FOR FIRST HAND EXPOSURE TO DG'S EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ICAO MATTERS.

3. IF IT NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE US INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN ECAC MEETING (WHETHER IN FORM OF U.S. DEL OR EMBASSY REP), ROGERS SAID HE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY REVIEW FULLY WITH US RESULTS OF MEETING.

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